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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of:

Applicant : Pierre DUHOT et al.

Confirmation No. : 4816

Appln. No.: 09/542,546

Filed: April 3, 2000

For: PRODUCTION PROCESS FOR  
BRANCHED FATTY ACIDS BY  
MEANS OF GENETICALLY  
MODIFIED PLANTS

Art Unit : 1638

Examiner: B. McElwain

Atty. Dkt.: 31640-159397

Customer No.:



26694

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed December 3, 2002 kindly  
amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS :**

Please cancel Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject  
matter contained therein.